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THE GEMS

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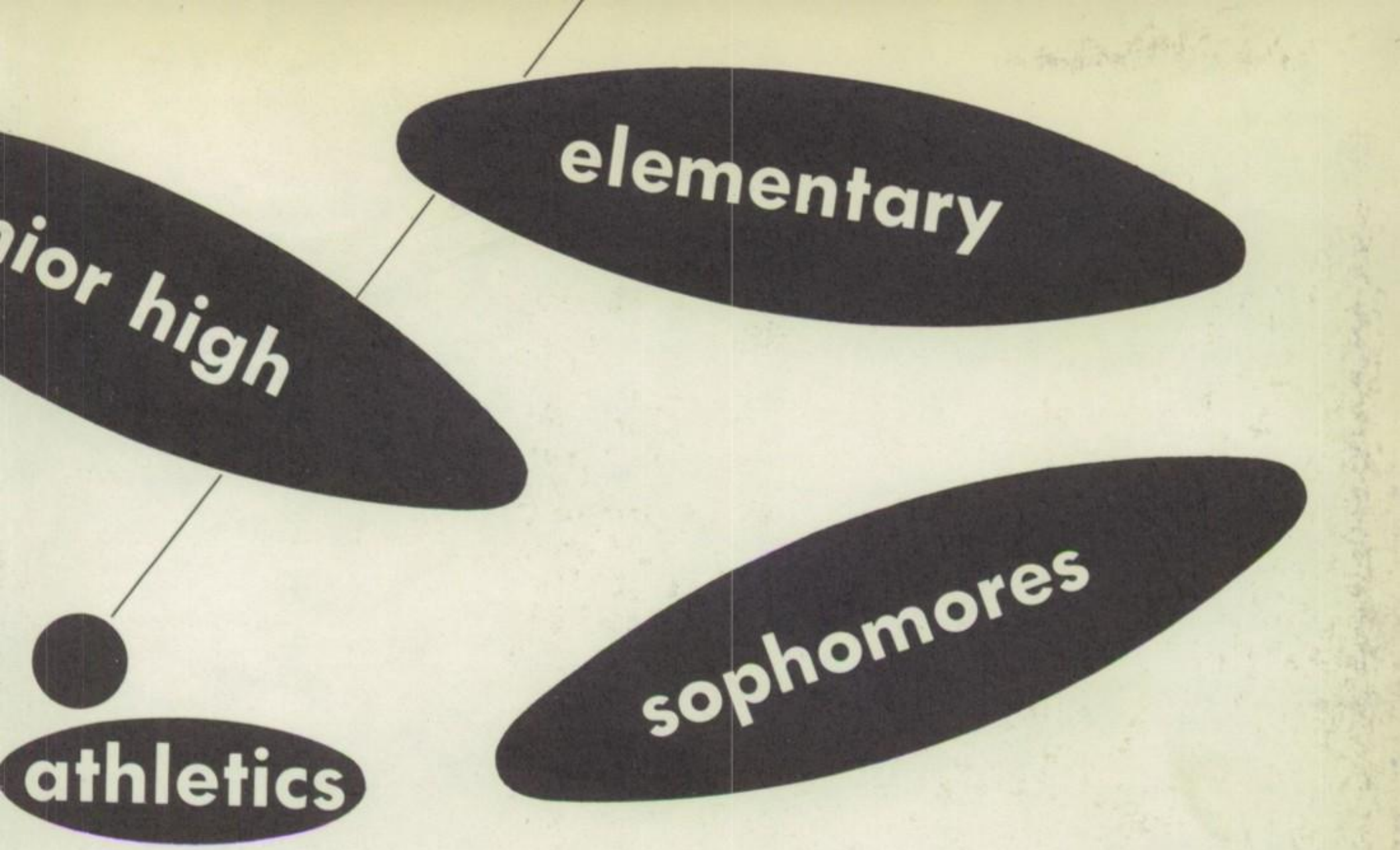
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THE GEMS
of
Rockcreek Center School
Bluffton, Indiana

Dedication

You are typical teens . . . making fun out of work . . . sharing interests . . . you like jeans but can change to glamour when it fits the occasion.

Yes, you're typical teens . . . go steady . . . about five months . . . dress up . . . heels for her . . . tie for him . . . you know how to drive . . . rely on the family bus . . . get it . . . say twice a week. You snack, watch television, listen to the radio while doing home work.

You're a typical high school student . . . you go out for sports one hundred per cent . . . you hold down a job . . . baby sit . . . sometimes into early hours of morning . . . you work in stores . . . garages . . . on the family farm . . . up late . . . little spare time.

Your daily schedule is a familiar pattern of high school life . . . get up at 7:00 . . . maybe 7:30 . . . sometimes oversleep . . . ride the bus . . . go at break-neck speed to classes . . . drink cokes . . . munch candy bars and potato chips . . . now and then you order a real feed . . . you enjoy school but hate to admit it . . . study some . . . three hours a night . . . no . . . a week . . . average "B" well, maybe "C" . . . anyway you make the grade . . . just . . . but you're satisfied because you are a teenager.

Foreword

This is our school. As you look back through this book several years from now, we, the staff, sincerely hope that you may see in it a lasting record of the persons and events that have played a part in your lives this year.

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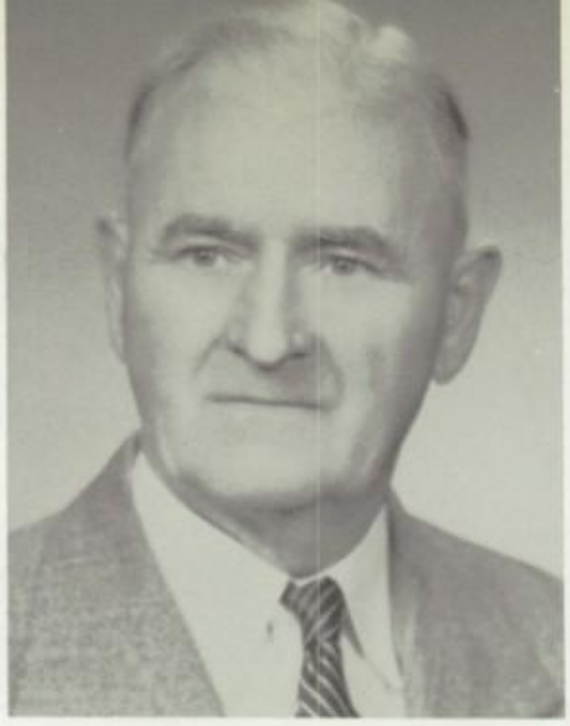

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Commerce, Mathematics, English

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B.S., Purdue University
Vocational Agriculture, Science

JAN FLECK
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Music, English

FRANCES SMITH
B.A., Manchester College
Vocational Home Ec

JERRY ALLRED
B.S., Taylor University
Coach, Science, Social Studies

JAMES BOLLHAUVE
B.S., Ball State College
Driver's Training

CLIVE MARKLEY
Tri-State College
Marion College
Seventh, Eighth Grade

PHYLLIS WELCHES
B.S., Manchester College
Grade Three

ESTHER ROE
Butler University
Huntington College
Grade Two

VIRGINIA SLAUGHTER
B.S., Butler University
Grade One

LEON JOHNSON
B.S., Canterbury College
Grade Six

VELMA GROGAN
Huntington College
Grade Five

MARTHA PATCH
Ball State College
Grade Four

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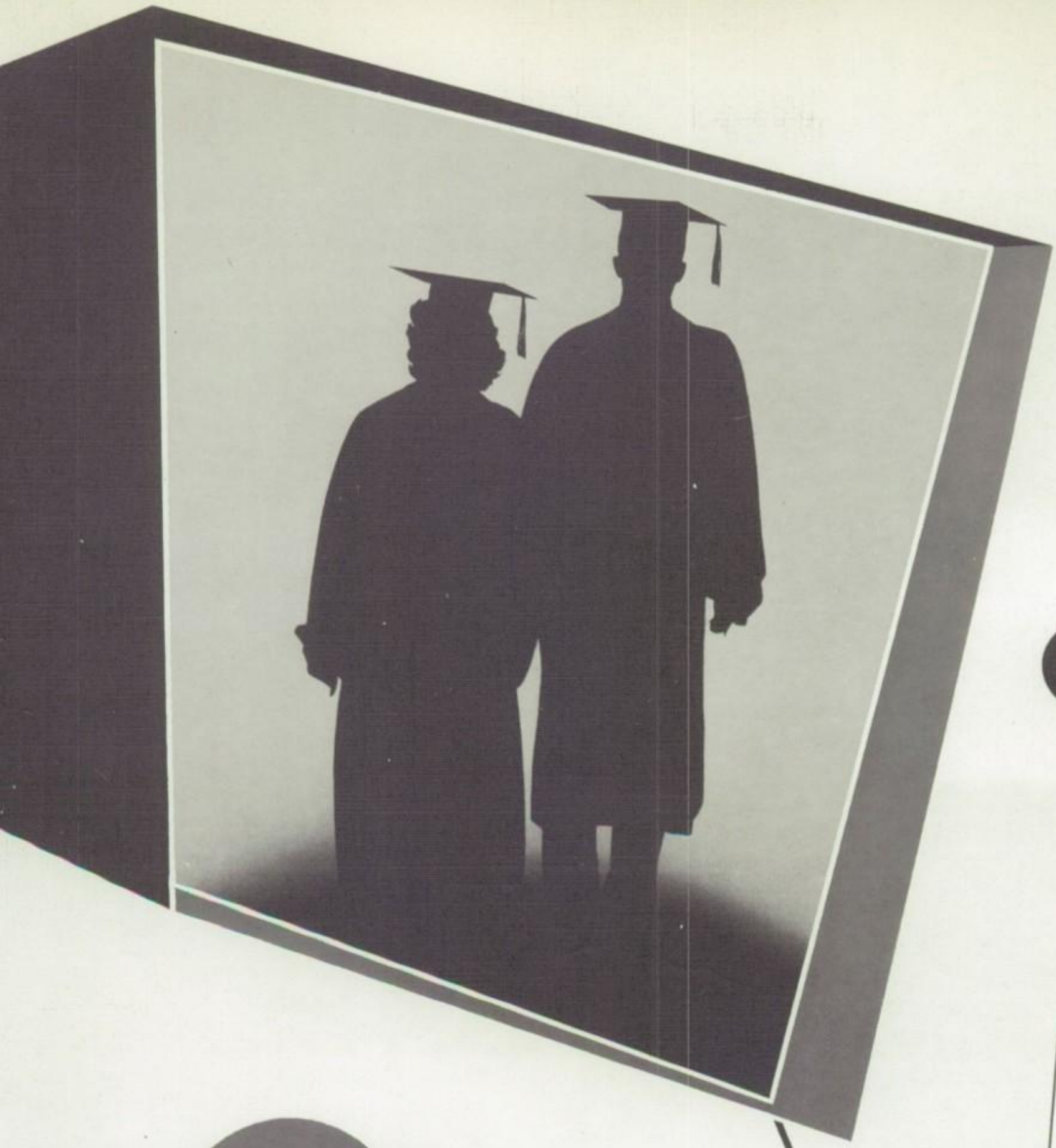
B.S., Ball State College
Art, Girls' Physical Education

NELLIE LOWRY
B.S., Huntington College
Grade One



seniors

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT ..... Ben Crum

VICE PRESIDENT ..... Larry Bayless

SECRETARY ..... Sharon Elzey

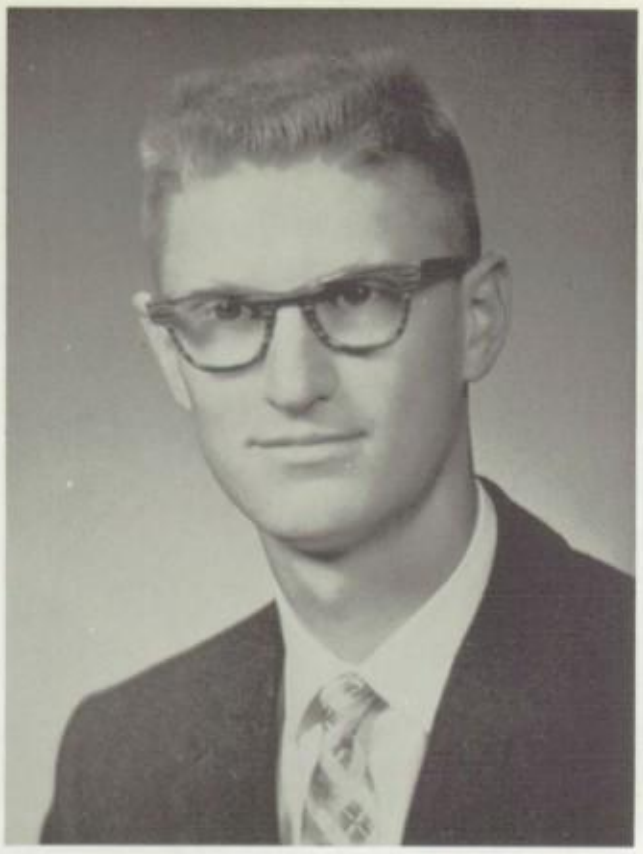
TREASURER ..... Lynne Koons

CLASS MOTTO—This far and farther

CLASS COLORS—yellow and white

CLASS FLOWER—white carnation

CLASS SPONSOR—Mr. Wayne Lee



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CHARLES LARRY BAYLESS
"Larry"

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RITA SUE BRADEN
"Sue"

JUDITH ANN BRICKLEY
"Jude"

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LONNETTA ANN BURGER
"Lonnie"

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"Reber"

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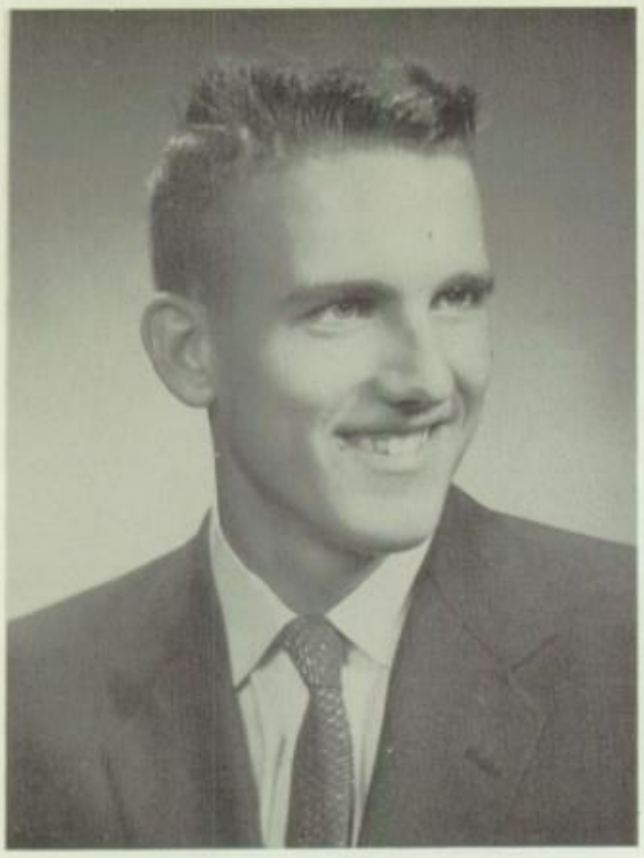

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BENJAMIN BURDETTE CRUM
"Ben"

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LINDA LOU CRUM
"Crumy"

JOYCE ELAINE DECKER
"Jed"

Annual 4
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Safety Patrol 2
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Bowling 2

JANET CAROL DOLBY
"Doob"

Annual 4
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SHARON ANNETTE ELZEY
"Elzon"

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BONNIE LOU EWART
"BonBon"

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RUTH ANN FAUST
"Ruthie"

JAMES PAUL GROVER
"Jim"

Newspaper 4
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RONALD LOWELL HAMBLY
"Ronnie"

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NEIL LAUREL KINSEY
'Sammy"

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LYNNE CLAUDETTE KOONS
"Koony"

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ANITA GAIL LARMORE
"Nita"

SUZANNE MILLER
"Susie"

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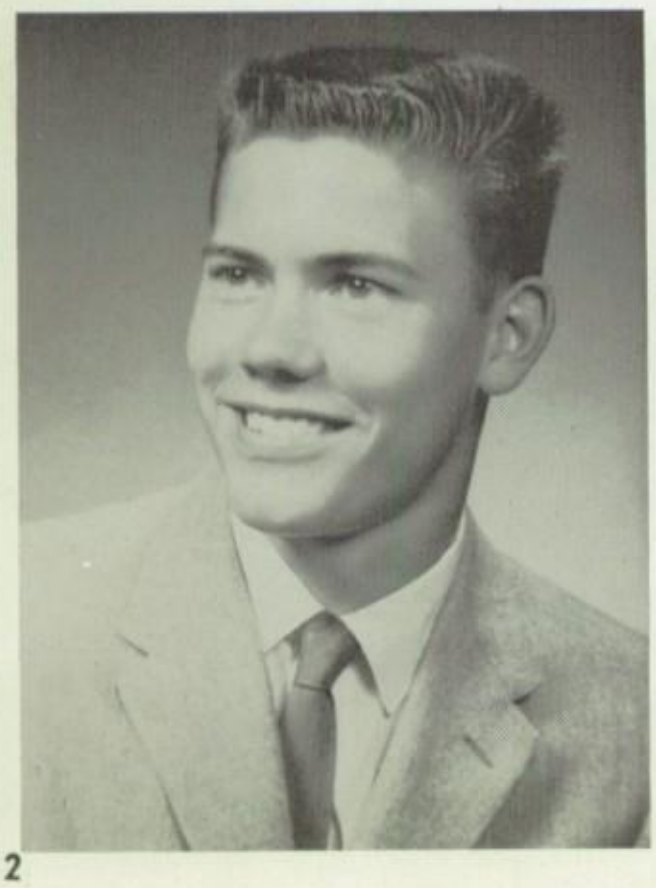
DALE ELDON PLATT
"Butch"



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AARON JAY RICE
'Ricey"

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JOYCE MARIE ROBERTS
"Rob"

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CHARLES EDWARD SHIVELY
"Charlie"

ROGER M. STAHL
"Rog"

Class Play 3
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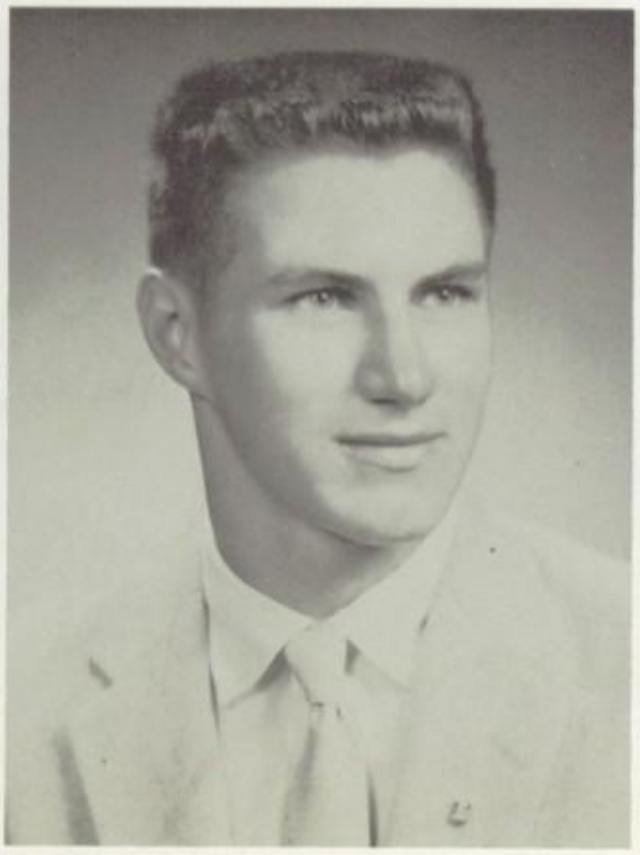
RAY ARTHUR WOODWARD
"Butch"



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SHARON ANN WRIGHT
"San"

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SMALL FRY

Suzanne Miller

Janet Dolby

Reba Cash

Jim Grover

Dale Platt

Lonnetta Burger

Sharon Wright

Rita Braden

Anita Larmore

Ronald Hambly

Linda Crum

Joyce Decker

Ray Woodward

Lynne Koons

Joyce Roberts

Larry Bayless

Jay Rice

Sharon Elzey

Neil Kinsey

Charles Shively

Roger Stahl

Ben Crum

Judy Brickley

Bonnie Ewart

Ruth Ann Faust

classes

Junior Class Officers

PRESIDENT ..... Larry Edris
(Absent when picture was taken)

VICE PRESIDENT ..... Gerry Hill

SECRETARY ..... Nancy Batzka

TREASURER ..... Karen Bender

SPONSOR—Mr. Wamsley

Karen Anderson
Kay Anderson
Nancy Batzka
Karen Bender
Janet Brickley

Sharon Cox
Lewis Cross
Larry Edris
Jeffie Espich
John Freds

Kaaren Fairchild
Mike Geisman
Roger Haiflich
Fritz Hambly
Beatrice Hatfield

Gerry Hill
Susan Hogg
Jerry Mason
Jerry McAfee
Betty Moorefield

Joe Sickafus
John Sieberns
James Strouse
Norman Thompson
Gene Welches

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT ..... Jerry Penrod

VICE PRESIDENT ..... Vickie Williamson

SECRETARY ..... Teresa Eyer

SPONSOR—Mr. J. R. Jones

Betty Cash
Ted Cox
Mary E. Decker

Teresa Eyer
Dottie Faust
Karen Fuhrer

Bonnie Gilbert
Marsha Green
Jerry Grover

Eileene Hutchings
Claudia Larmore
Diann McAfee

Diane Moser
Jerry Penrod
Garry Reff

Larry Wilburn
Russell Wilkin
Vicki Williamson

NINTH GRADE CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT ..... Bonnie Green

VICE PRESIDENT ..... Susan Espich

SECRETARY-TREASURER ..... Gerald Edris
(Absent when picture was taken)

SPONSOR—Mrs. Smith

Carol Batzka
Clarence Brickley
Ted Crum

Pam Crum
Eddie Decker
Gerald Edris

Susan Espich
Dennis Houtz
Bonnie Green

Janet Hill
Billy Kumfer
Margaret Koontz

Judy Langel
Karen Miller
Jackie Moorefield

Linda Overholt
Carolyn Park
Lorraine Schug

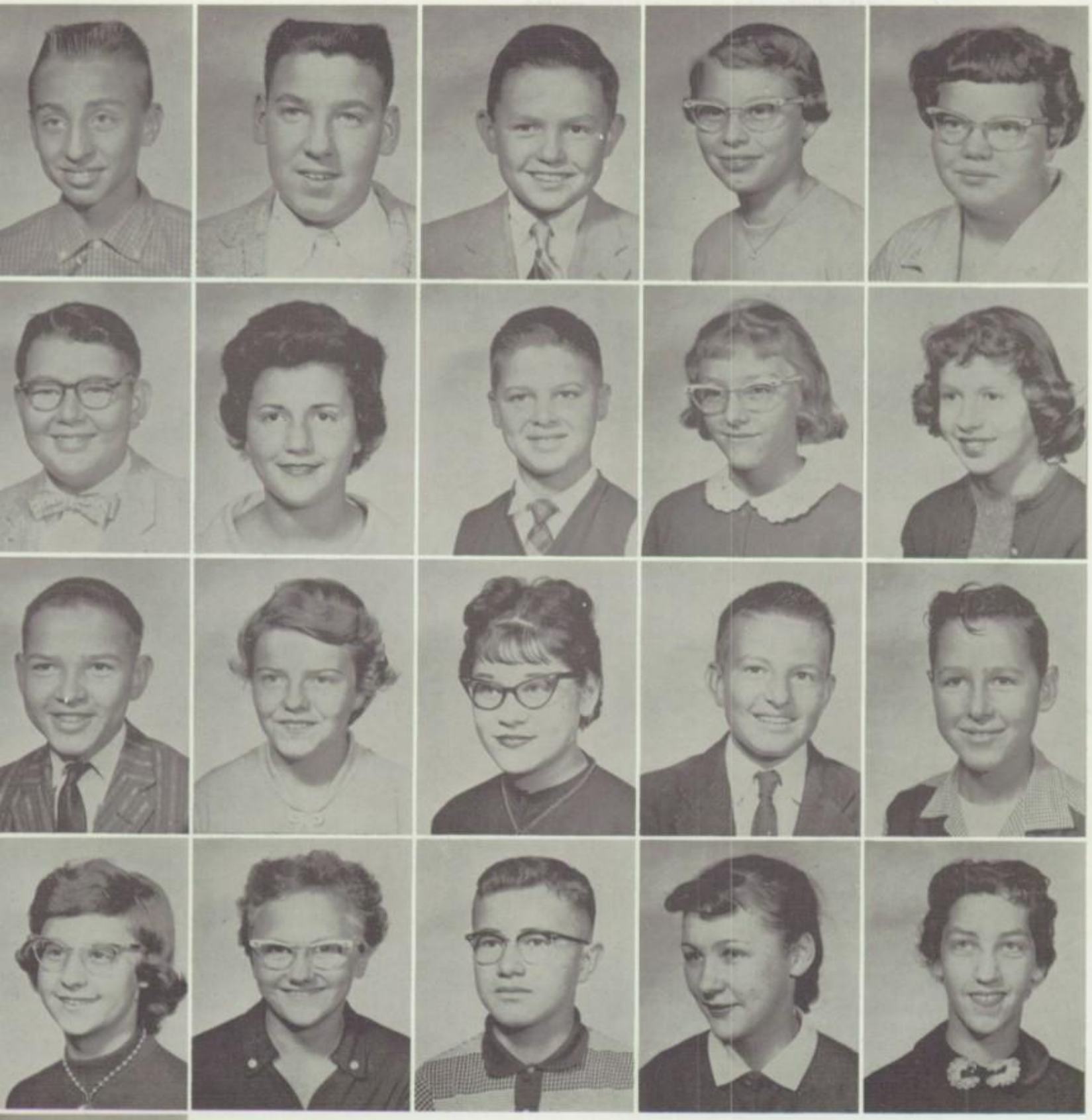
EIGHTH GRADE CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT ..... Dale Stahl

VICE PRESIDENT ..... Gerry Houtz

SECRETARY-TREASURER ..... Julia Swank

SPONSOR—Jerry Allred



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James Beck
Mike Black
Donna Blessing
Diane Cupp

Alvin Edris
Deborah Fairchild
Kim Griffin
Mary Grover
Cynthia Hoffacker

Gerry Houtz
Karen Johnson
Maria Larmore
Elwin McAfee
Roger Pasley

Carolyn Pequignot
Jean Schmidt
Dale Stahl
Julia Swank
Sandra Wilkin

Kenny Wright

SEVENTH GRADE CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT ..... Billy Falk

VICE PRESIDENT ..... Susan Espich

SECRETARY-TREASURER ..... Johnny Braden

SPONSOR—Mr. Jan Fleck

Noel Anderson
Johnny Braden
Jerry Brickley
Steve Custer

Stephen Davison
Bruce Dunwiddie
Max Edris
Rebecca Elzey

Anita Espich
Bill Falk
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Gwen Hill
Lane Inman
Dianne Jones
Wallace LeFevers

Jerry Lenwell
Rebecca Miller
Gary Redding
Tommy Sickafus

Janice Smuts
Teddy Waters
Judy Woods

Sixth Grade

Howard Cash
Myrl Decker
Marica Espich
Linda Falk
Lynda Fry

George Giles
Randy Grandlienard
Mike Harris
Janis Harrold
Linus Harrold

Diane Hoag
Shelia Hoffacker
Tommy Hutchings
Marsalene Huyghe
Marcelline James

Linda Jones
Carol Koontz
Larry LaFevers
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David Lesh

Karen McAfee
Linda Miller
Delores Mosure
Dennis Overholt
Larry Riley

Sandra Rodich
Monty Shalley
Ann Young
Phyliss Welches
Cheryl Wilkins

Fifth Grade

Leslie Beck
Regina Bender
Richard Bowman
Dorothy Brickley
George Brickley

Diana Brown
Rita Crum
Janet Custer
Dennis Day
Diane Eichhorn

Robert Fairchild
Patricia Gensic
Jerrold Gilbert
Randy Harnish
Elaine Harshman

Candy Inskeep
Gary Johnson
David Jump
Judy Kern
J. M. Larmore

Mary Lesh
Penelope Miller
Richard Redding
Ruth Roller
Gloria Sparks

Max Sparks
Linda Stahl
Sanford Thompson
Virgie Waters
Jan Wilkin

Bruce Wilson

Fourth Grade

Judith Archbold
Joe Carnes

Roger Cash
Timothy Crum
Rebecca Davison
Melsenia Edris

Linda Emley
Cynthia Fry
Ronald Gilbert
Teresa Gilbert

Sue Giles
Anne Graham
Marcia Harris
Diana Highlen

Guy Hoag
Larry Hoag
Corine Hoffacker
Robert Johnson

Jo Ann McAfee
Larry McAfee
Sharon McAfee
Steven Moser

Gerry Powell
Kent Raber
Linda Sparks
Larry Wilkin

Third Grade

Larry Alford
Billy Archbold
Linda Arnold
Ronald Beck

Elaine Blessing
Georgia Brown
Cheryl Cargar
Tommy Coffield
Cheryl Crismore

Ivan Decker
Dennis Eichorn
Debra Gensic
Linda Gensic
John Gilbert

Donald Goodwin
Ned Gordon
Kay Graham
Bruce Grandlienard
John Grover

Brenda Harshman
Steve Huyghe
Cathy Inskeep
Jerry Johnson
Paul Johnson

Wilbur Johnson
Barbara Kern
Tommy Langel
Claudia Legge
Christine Mason

Jack Roller
Phillip Sickafus
Jimmy Stauffer
Phylian Thomas
Debbie Wilson

Second Grade

Linda Archbold
Carmy Cox
Robert Edris
Joseph Gensic
Vicki Gilbert

Daniel Gordon
Linda Graham
Jan Grandlienard
Lowell Highlen
Duane Hill

Marilyn Hoag
Barbara Hogg
David Johnson
Rebecca Jump
Robert Legge

Ronald Lenwell
Gary Lesh
Linda Lesh
Joellen Mason
Bonnie McAfee

Jerry Miller
Larry Moorefield
Charles Mosure
Richard Park
Vickie Roller

Alan Schwartz
Duane Shutt
Richard Steinhiller
Gregory Wilson
Rebecca Woodward

First Grade

Linda Batzka
Mike Bowman
Kristine Bushee
Larry Coffield

Jill Crismore
Mary Davison
Carol Decker
David Fry
Dennis Fry

Judy Gilbert
Ronny Goodwin
Martha Harris
Jim Hoag
Cindy Inskeep

David Jackson
Steve Johnson
Debra Kinsey
Connie Kern
J. R. Langel

Roger McAfee
Nancy Middleton
Craig Mounsey
Charles Pasley
Terry Powell

Bruce Raber
Jim Roller
Debbie Siela
David Smuts
Ronny Thompson

Bobby Vaught
Patty Welches
Stacey Wilson
David Yager
Janet Young

"S-s-s-s-s."

"Ta-Ra-Boom."

"Senioritis."

"Potatoes again?"

"How's this pose?"

"Dreaming?"

"Goo-goo-eyes."

"Look at the birdie."

"Coach, what's next?"

"How do I look?"

"Open thy eyes."

"Can he go far?"

"Get that tip."

"Cold?"

"All smiles."

"Brrrrr!"

"Rah! Rah! Rah!"

"Get that rebound."

"Don't take it yet."

"Isn't it funny?"

activities

SPIRIT OF ROCKCREEK
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Boys' 4-H

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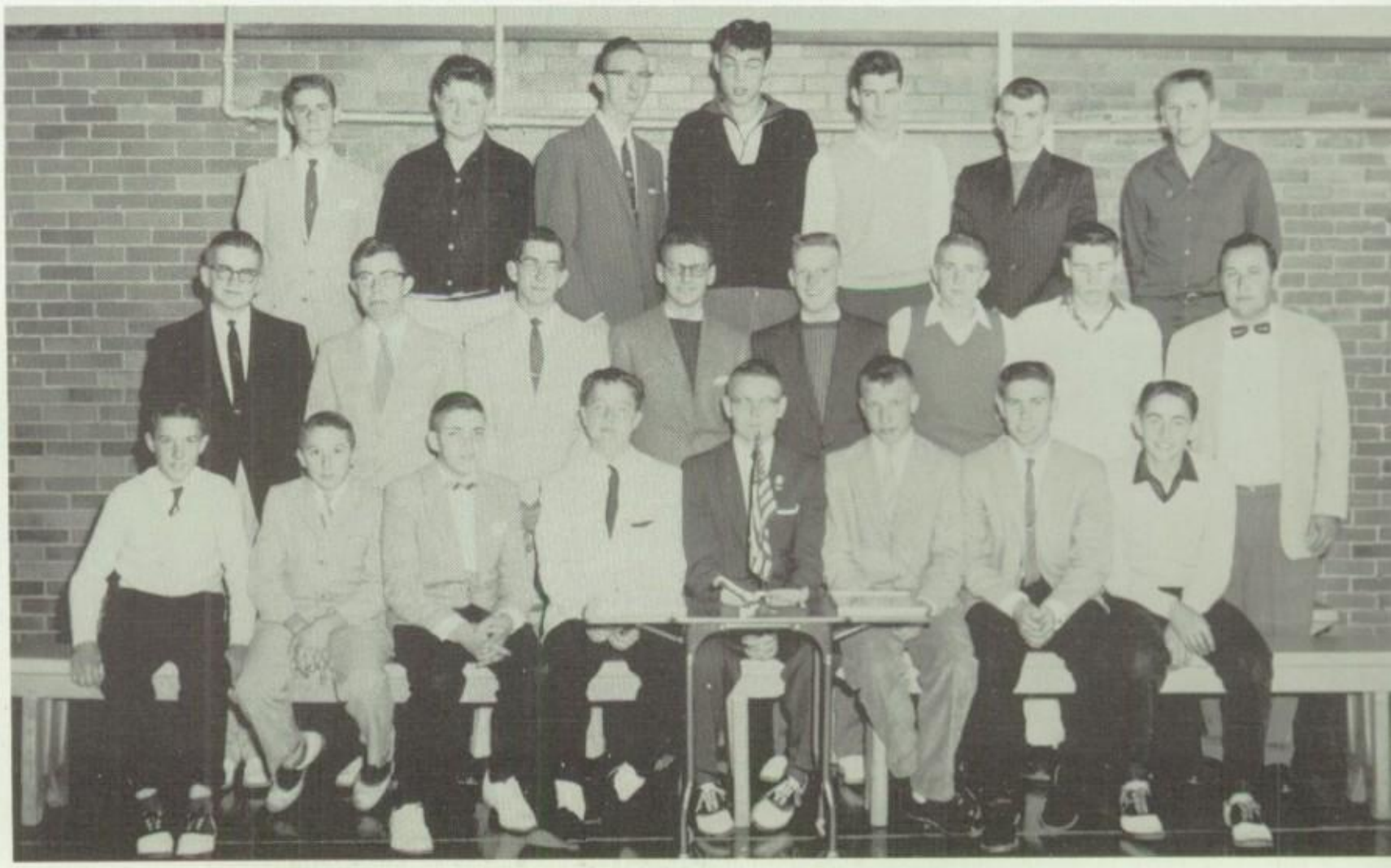

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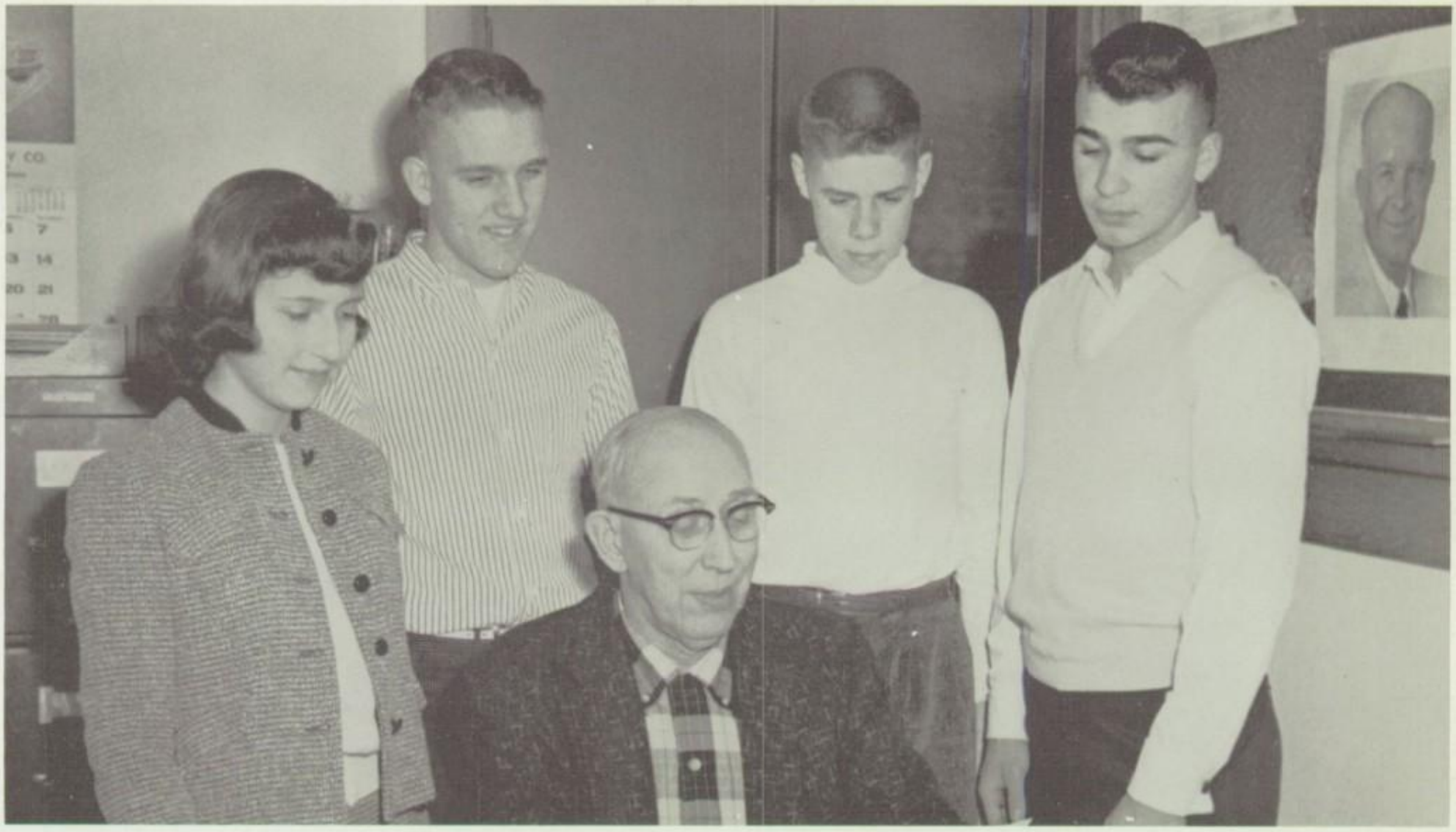


B. Green, B. Crum, J. Penrod, G. Hill, Mr. Wayne Lee.

Safety Patrol

FIRST ROW: L. Wilburn, J. Grover, J. McAfee, R. Haiflich. SECOND ROW: K. Bender, B. Ewart, A. Larmore, L. Burger. THIRD ROW: B. Hatfield, B. Moorefield, J. Brickley, S. Hogg.

Senior Class Play

"LITTLE MISS SOMEBODY"

Laurie ..... Joyce Roberts
Dr. Ashley ..... Larry Bayless
Harriet Ashley ..... Lonnetta Burger
Claire Ashley ..... Janet Dolby
Richie Ashley ..... Neil Kinsey
Duffy ..... Anita Larmore
Crazy Mike ..... Dale Platt
Tony Mitchell ..... Ben Crum
Owen Forbes ..... Charles Shively
Suzanne ..... Judy Brickley

Junior Class Play

"HESSIE OF THE HILLS"

Hessie ..... Linda Crum
Pa ..... Charles Shively
Ma ..... Lynne Koons
Arkansaw ..... Judy Brickley
Berthie ..... Joyce Roberts
Aunt Susie ..... Sharon Wright
Daniel Duckworth ..... Dale Platt
Granpa ..... Ben Crum
Elmer Applerust ..... Neil Kinsey
Parson Bumble ..... Larry Bayless
Abbie Snapp ..... Suzanne Miller

Band

Majorettes

FRONT

Suzanne Miller

BACK

Carolyn Park
Sharon Elzey
Karen Bender

Junior Majorettes

FRONT

Becky Elzey
Marcia Espich
Becky Miller

BACK

Sandra Wilkin
Cheryl Wilkin
Anita Espich

MIXED CHORUS

TRIPLE TRIO

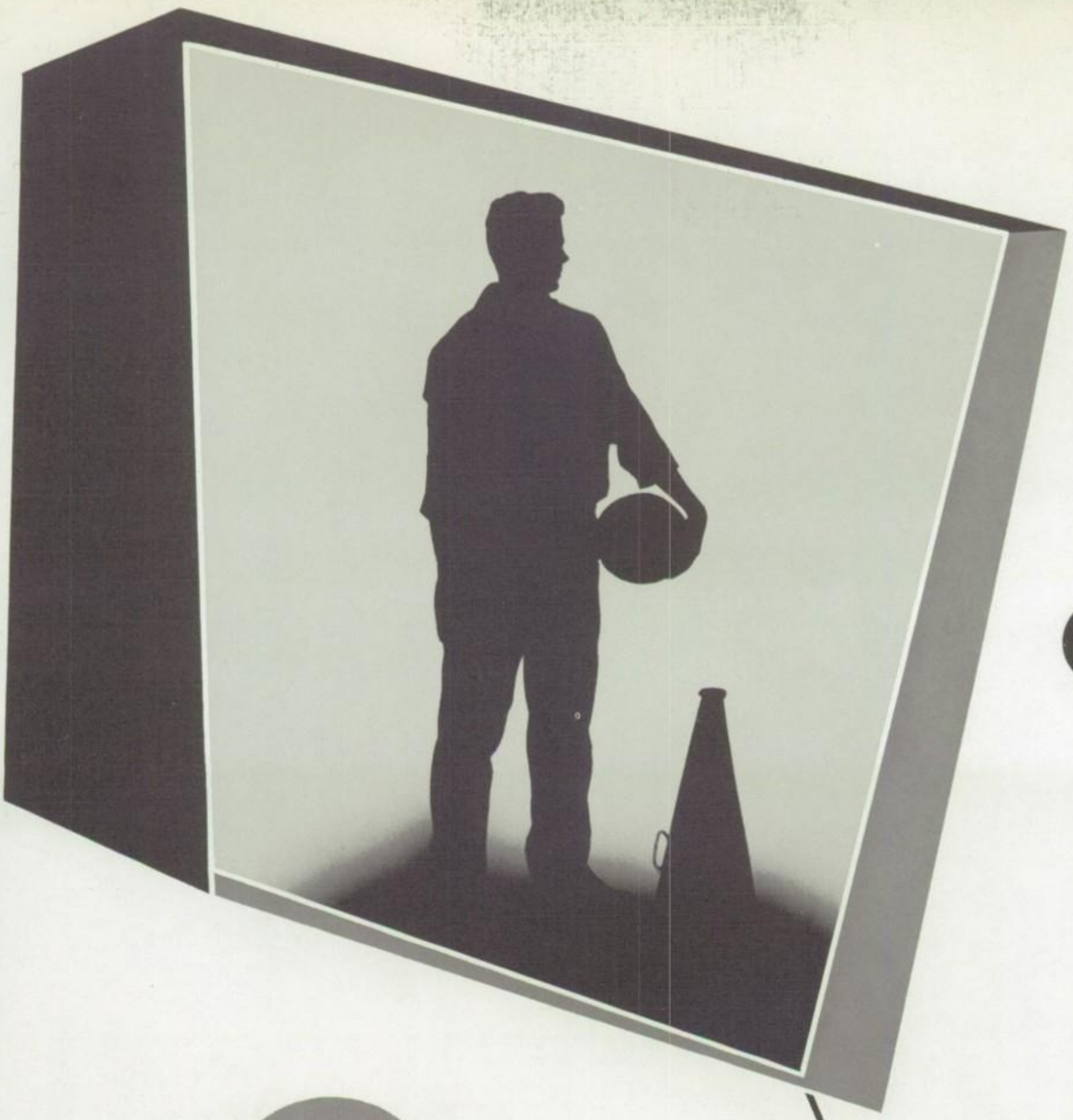
B. Green
R. Faust
C. Larmore
D. McAfee
L. Koons
L. Crum
N. Batzka
K. Bender
K. Fuhrer

Pianist:
J. Dolby

BOYS' QUARTET

J. Espich
J. Strouse
J. Penrod
G. Reff

Pianist:
B. Gilbert



athletics

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JUDY BRICKLEY
LARRY EDRIS
RUTH ANN FAUST

Varsity

Junior High

JEAN ANN SCHMIDT
SANDRA WILKIN
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Varsity

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GERRY HILL	Jr.	5'10"
RAY WOODWARD	Sr.	5'10"
JAMES STROUSE	Jr.	5'11"
LARRY BAYLESS	Sr.	6'1½"
RONALD HAMBY	Sr.	6'3"
CHARLES SHIVELY	Sr.	6'4"
CLARENGE BRICKLEY	Fr.	6'3"
ROGER STAHL	Sr.	6'0"
NEIL KINSEY	Sr.	5'7"
DALE PLATT	Sr.	5'6"

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Coach—JERRY ALLRED

Reserve Team

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STANDING, left to right: B. Dunwiddie, J. Brickley, Coach: Mr. Markley, G. Redding, B. Falk, S. Davidson. KNEELING: G. Houtz, J. Braden, D. Baller, J. Beck, D. Stahl, E. McAfee.

Track

STANDING: Dale Platt, Gerry Hill, Jim Strouse, Jay Rice, Clarence Brickley, Jim Grover, Norman Thompson, and Coach Allred. FRONT ROW: Gene Welches, Neil Kinsey, Dennie Houtz, Ted Cox, Jackie Moorefield, Eddie Decker, and Jerry Mason.

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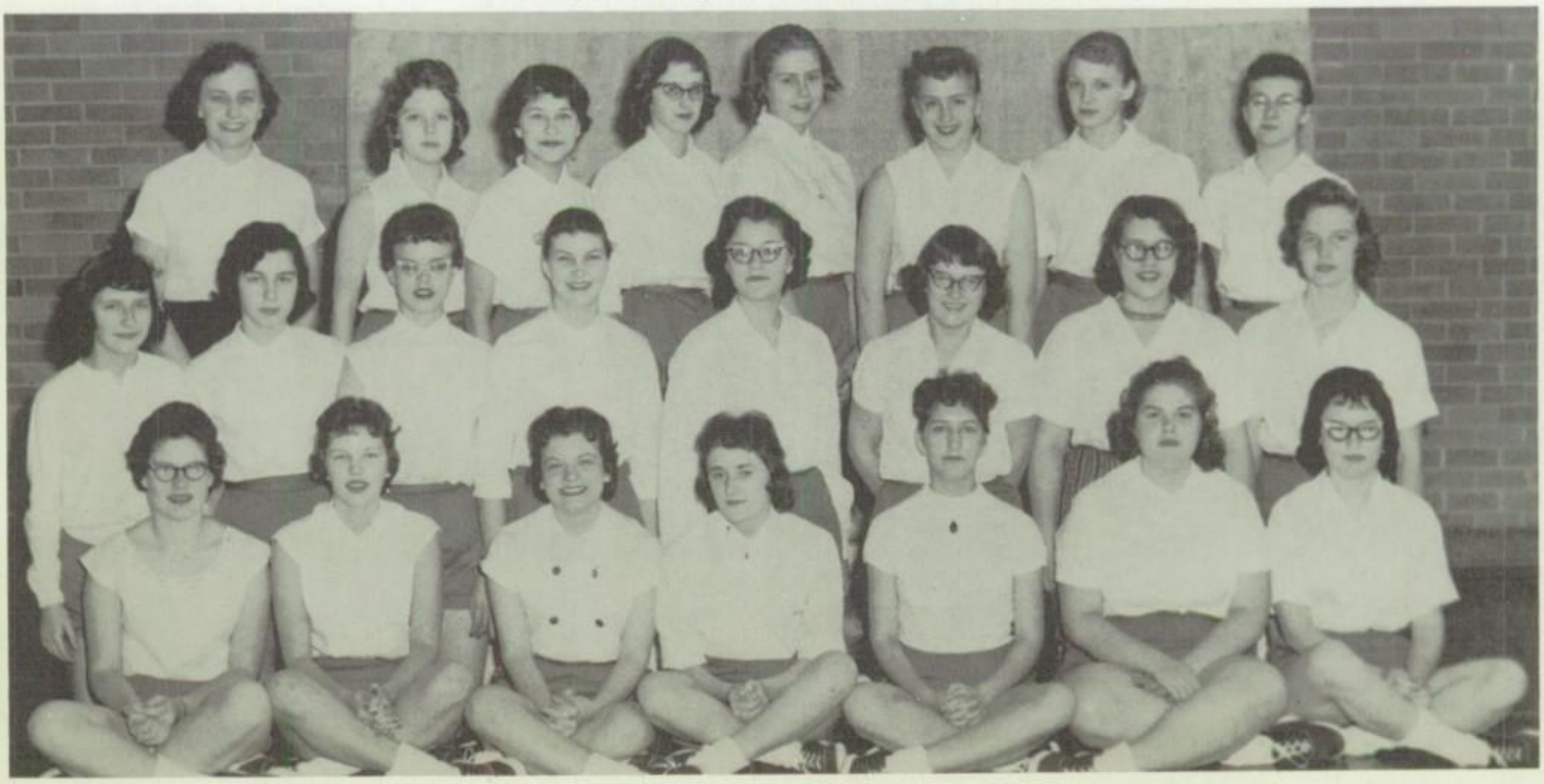

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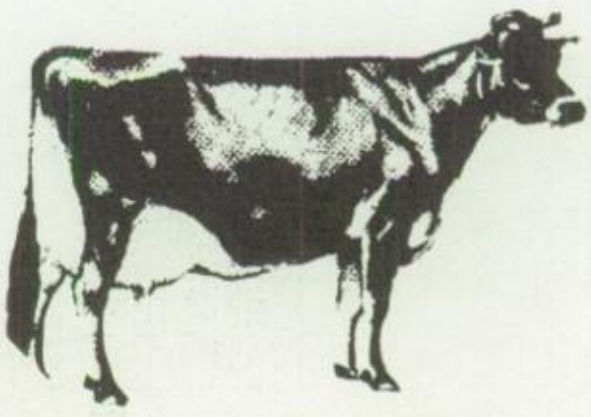

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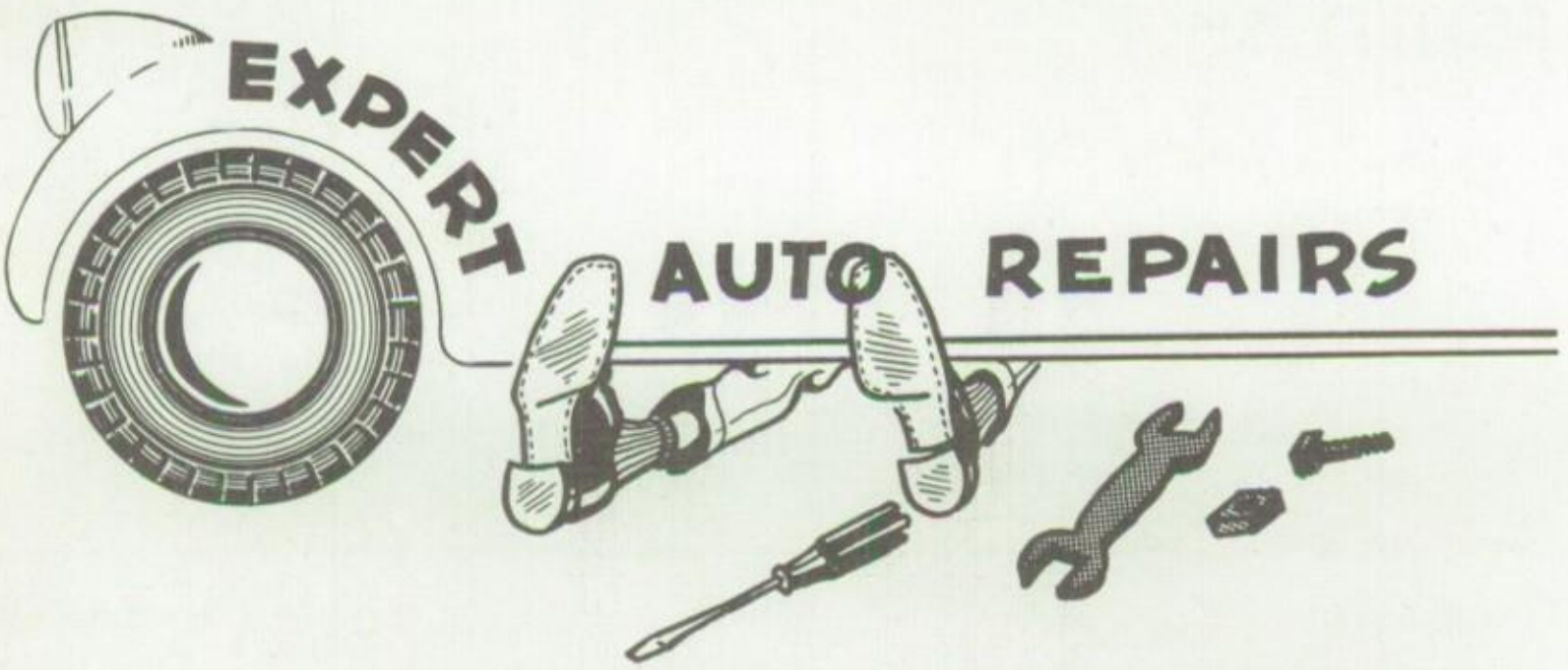

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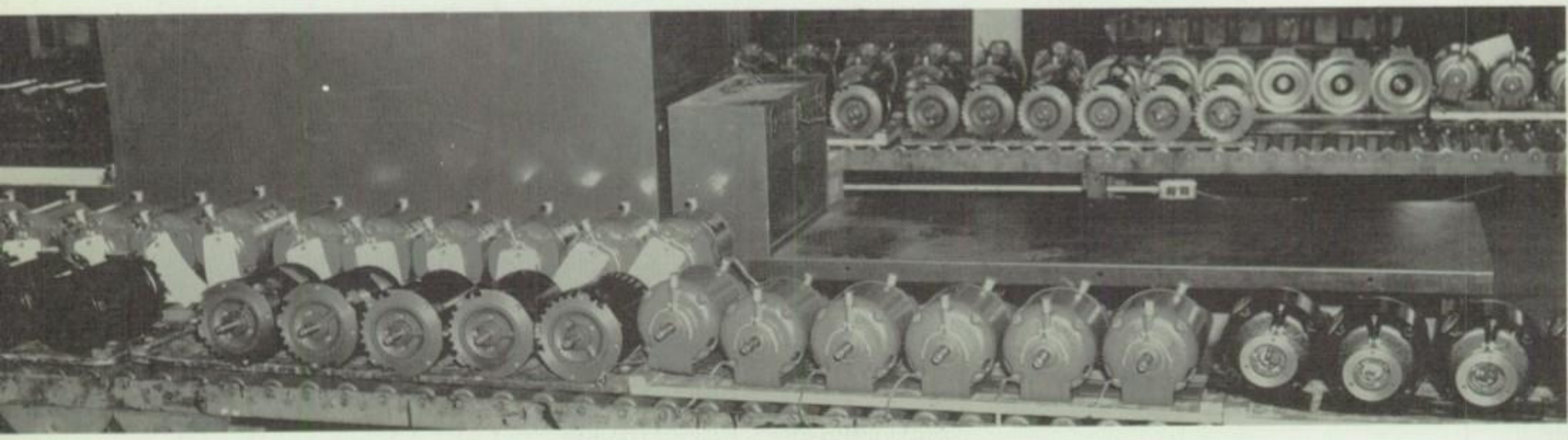

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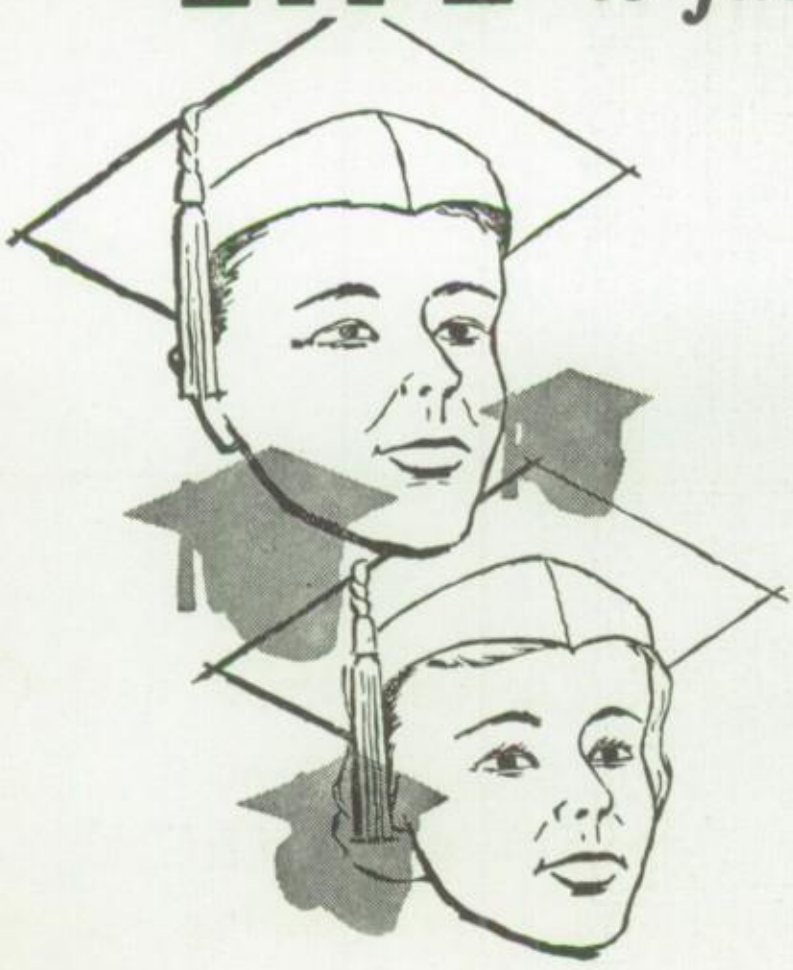

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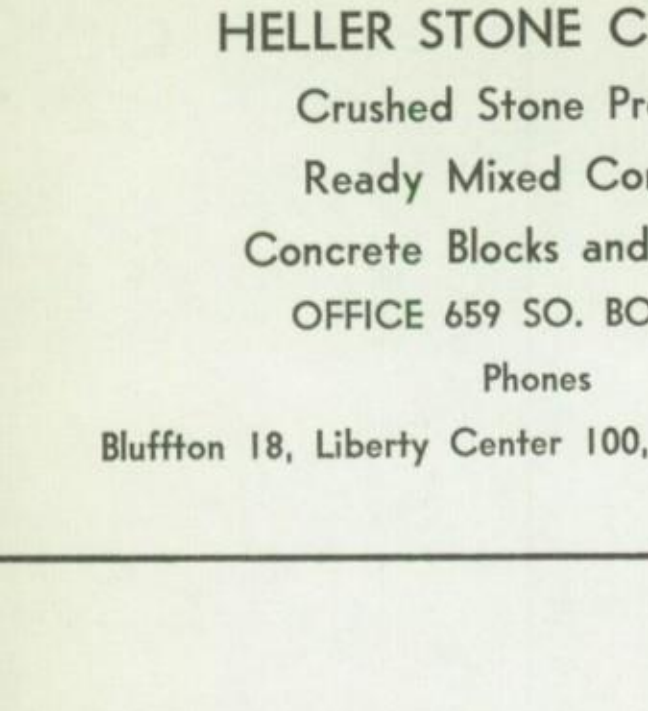

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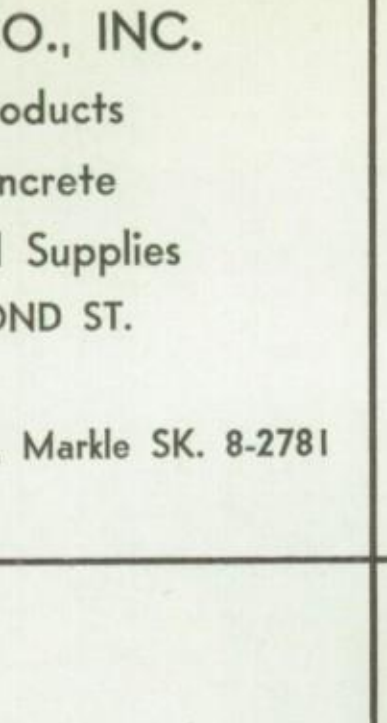

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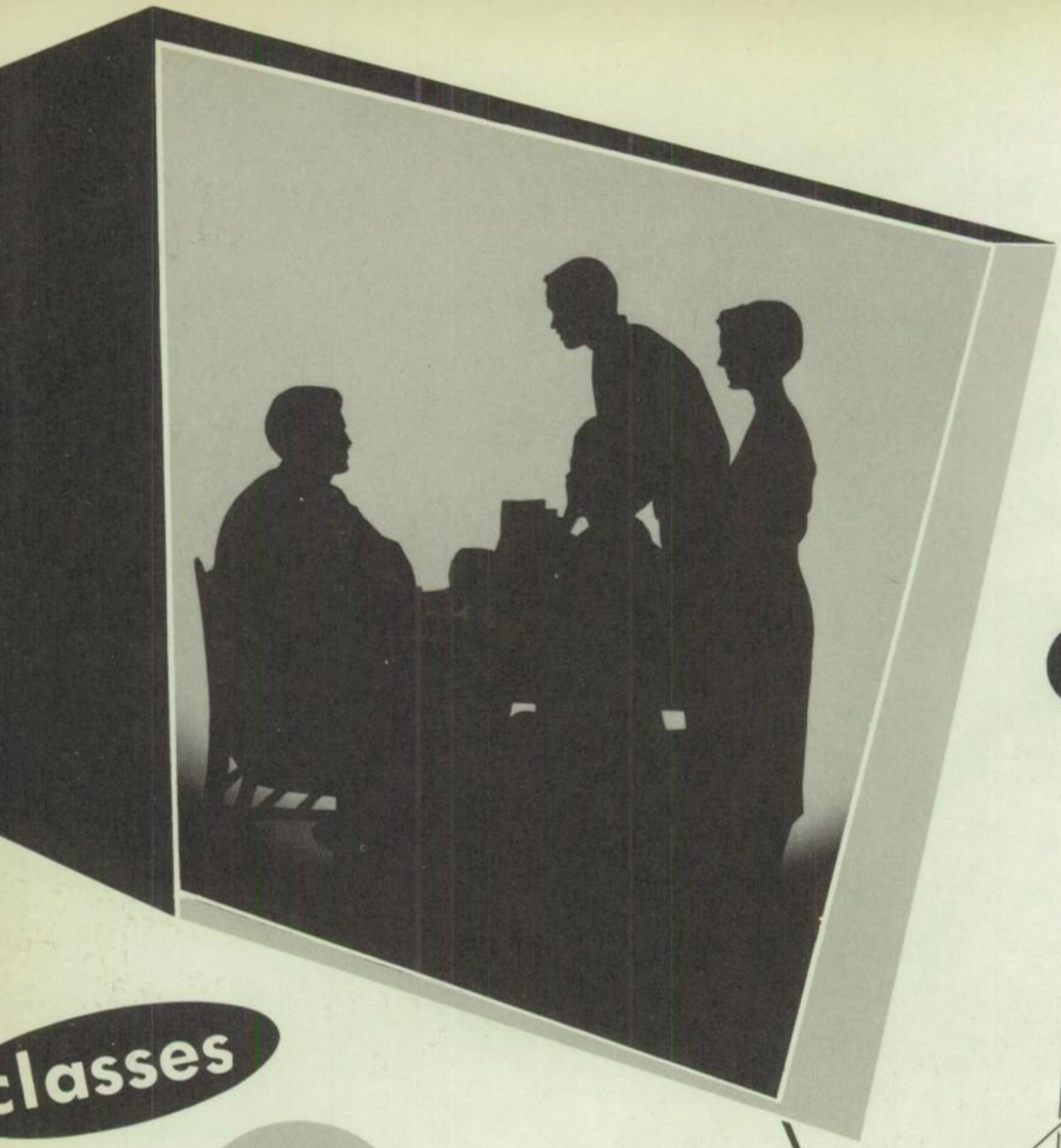

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